

Alexander Williams, Jr. Biography

Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. was nominated by President Bill Clinton to serve on the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. Following his confirmation by the United States Senate Judge Williams served as a federal judge from September 2, 1994 to January 3, 2014. Prior to his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Williams was Chairman of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and served two terms from 1987 to 1994 as the elected State's Attorney for Prince George's County, Maryland.

Since his retirement from the federal bench, Judge Williams founded and is CEO of the Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. Center for Education, Justice and Ethics within the College of Behavior and Social Sciences at the University of Maryland, College Park. The mission of this Center is to research, develop solutions and provide a forum for discussing the prevailing issues facing underserved communities. In addition, he does mediations and arbitrations with the McCammon Group and is "of counsel" with Silverman, Thompson, Slutkin and White in Baltimore, Maryland.

Judge Williams is a native of Washington, D.C. and has practiced law in both the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia. Judge Williams presently teaches an Honors course within the African American Studies Department at the University of Maryland and is an adjunct professor at the Howard Law School. Presently, he serves as a board member on the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) and is the chairman of the Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission, the body which reviews and recommends candidates for appointment by the Governor to Maryland's two appellate courts. In addition to his judicial and professorial service, Judge Williams has lectured and participated in numerous conferences abroad on judicial independence, rule of law issues and other international topics. His travels include visits to Sofia, Bulgaria; Vitoria, Brazil; Accra, Ghana; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; Bamako, Mali; and to the region of Hong Kong as well as to the provinces of Guanzhou and Beijing in China.

Judge Williams is a graduate of Howard University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Government; a Master of Arts in Religious Studies and a J.D. (Juris Doctor, cum laude); He also graduated from Temple University where he earned a Master of Arts Degree in Religion/Ethics.